IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph spanning page 9, lines 1-7, of the specification with the

following amended paragraph.

If the voice model database server cannot locate a speaker-dependent voice model for the

caller, then at ~~216~~ <u>206</u> an ASR system at the called telephone number performs ASR using a

speaker-independent voice model. In an alternative embodiment, once the ASR system has used

the speaker-independent voice model to recognize the content of the caller's utterance, the ASR

system returns the contents of the recognized utterance to the voice model database server. The

voice model database server then uses the contents of the recognized utterance to generate a

speaker-dependent voice model for the caller.